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1	H.577
2	Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Legislature; Joint Fiscal Committee; livable wage
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
7	definition of "livable wage" for purposes of the basic needs budget that is
8	calculated at the beginning of each legislative biennium so that the livable
9	wage is based on a family with two adult wage earners, two children, and no
10	employer-sponsored health insurance.
11	An act relating to the basic needs budget and livable wage
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 505 is amended to read:
14	§ 505. BASIC NEEDS BUDGET AND LIVABLE WAGE; REPORT
15	(a) For the purposes of As used in this section:
16	(1) "Basic needs" means the essentials needed to run a household,
17	including food; housing; transportation; child care; utilities; health and
18	dental care; taxes; health, rental, and life insurance; personal expenses; and

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1	(3) "Livable wage" means the hourly wage, averaged for both urban and
2	rural areas, that is required for a full-time worker to pay for one-half of the
3	basic needs budget for a two four-person household with no two adult wage
4	earners and two children and without employer-assisted health insurance
5	averaged for both urban and rural areas.
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7	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
8	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.